Victoria Hospital, Quilon.

69. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to define the term '*gosha*' used by them in the reply to my interpellation in regard to the appointment of a male Assistant Surgeon in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon?

(*b*) Do they mean by it that the hospital is not confined to women?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The term '*gosha*' was used in its ordinary dictionary sense.

(*b*) The Hospital is confined to women patients and not necessarily *gosha* women.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Has a lady doctor been appointed in the Victoria Jubilee Hospital, Quilon?

PRESIDENT: I do not see how it arises out of this question.

English High School, Vaikam.

70. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): With reference to the English High School, Vaikam, will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the present strength of the school and the area of the school compound;

(*b*) the number of students the present buildings can accommodate;

(*c*) whether the Government have decided to acquire any new land for the use of this school, and, if so, when the lands will be acquired; and

(*d*) whether the Government will put up one more shed to relieve congestion in the school?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 737; 2 acres and 19 cents.

(*b*) It is reported that the present building can conveniently accommodate 636 pupils.

(*c*) The acquisition of additional lands is under correspondence.

(*d*) The matter will be considered.

Maintenance of Roads in Vaikam Taluk.

71. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing the allotment under maintenance of roads in the Vaikam taluk for the year 1099 and the amount spent thereunder up to the 1st Karkatakam, 1099?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The maintenance grant for the roads in the Vaikam taluk for 1099 was Rs. 5,752 and the amount spent up to the 1st Karkatakam 1099, Rs. 4,025.

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